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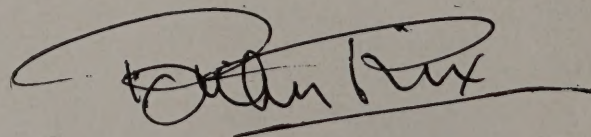
CHRISTMAS IS COMING

*"Heap on more wood! — the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still."*

That quotation from Sir Walter Scott is one of my favourites at this time of the year. It exemplifies the warmth which fills us all at Yuletide and makes us more helpful towards others. In my own business it also illustrates the pleasure which Stars strive to bring to a public which is often beset with care and worry.

Most of my colleagues will be on stage at Christmas this year, whether it be theatre, television or film, and all of us will have spastics everywhere in our thoughts. Just as we are trying to bring some light-hearted relief to a general public, so are we also trying to give much-needed help to those handicapped by cerebral palsy. We have succeeded to some measure: we will continue to help in every way possible.

On behalf of all the Stars I wish you a Merry Christmas and may the coming year be one of growing strength both for the S.O.S. and for the National Spastics Society.



Brian Rix

Chairman - Stars Organisation for Spastics

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FRONT COVER

A LARGE gathering of talent meets regularly at Park Crescent to discuss aid to spastics. This is the S.O.S. Working Committee and our front cover picture shows the committee in session.

Starting from Dr. C. P. Stevens, Director of the National Spastics Society (in the foreground) and reading from his left, the stars are: Vera Lynn (a Vice-President of the S.O.S.), Maudie Edwards, Ronald Shiner, Derrick de Marney, Thelma Ruby, Donald Houston, Inia Te-Wiata, Eric Robinson, Elspet Gray, Mrs. C. A. Clifton (N.S.S. Projects Secretary), Colin Smart (N.S.S. Asst. Projects Secretary, Planning), John Horsley (Chairman, Wakes Hall Management Committee), Diane Hart (Hon. Treasurer), Colonel R. M. G. Lloyd (S.O.S. Secretary), Brian Rix (S.O.S. Chairman), Mrs. S. Rawstorne (N.S.S. Assistant Appeals Secretary), David Jacobs (Chairman, Colwall Court Management Committee), Jack Howarth, Ron Goodwin, Hy Hazell and Gabrielle Brune.



STARS ORGANISATION FOR SPASTICS

Brian Rix, Chairman, S.O.S.

THEIR names are household words; their talents give pleasure to millions; and their warmth, their kindness and their voluntary service to and for spastics everywhere are beyond praise and a credit to their profession. They are the members of the Stars Organisation for Spastics.

This issue of "Spastics News" is a small tribute to these warm-hearted men and women and to the service they are rendering to help spastics take their rightful place in society.

Started at a Party

The story of the S.O.S. goes back to a sunny afternoon in June, 1955. The late Marchioness of Carisbrooke was hostess at a cocktail party given entirely for celebrities in the world of Show Business, who were her personal friends or those of the National Spastics Society's Appeals Secretary, Colonel R. M. G. Lloyd, who was himself a Showbiz personality for many years as a cabaret producer back in the '20s. The purpose of the cocktail party was to form a committee to run a "Stars' Ball".

A fortnight later those who had agreed to help met at the Park Lane home of Mrs. Cecil Jeapes, whose late husband was well-known in the film world. Present on that occasion were the Marchioness of Carisbrooke, Misses Diana Churchill, Diane Hart, Ursula Jeans, Barbara Jefford, Vera Lynn, Mabel Pickles and Dorothy Tutin; and Messrs. Tony Britton, Richard Carlyle (an American actor who was then appearing on the London stage), Edric Connor, Donald Houston, Roger Livesey, Wilfred Pickles and Billy Ternent. Also present were Mr. Ian Dawson Shepherd, then chairman of the N.S.S., and Colonel Lloyd.

At the outset of this meeting only the question of a Ball was discussed, Lady Carisbrooke agreeing to be its president and Wilfred Pickles the committee chairman. But during the ensuing discussion Miss Vera Lynn asked whether it might be a good thing if instead of just devoting itself to running a Ball the committee "formed itself into a permanent organisation which would continue to help the N.S.S. in every possible way."

The minutes of this meeting continue: "This decision having unanimously been made, on the proposal of Roger Livesey it was unanimously decided to name it the S(tars) O rganisation) for S(pastics)"—the brackets then being used as shown. Lady Carisbrooke was to be president and Wilfred Pickles chairman, with Colonel Lloyd as secretary and membership confined to celebrities in Show Business. A date for the Ball was then settled.

So the S.O.S. was born.

Later at this meeting, those present decided to hold a cricket match on Sunday, July 17—only nine days off—as J. Lyons and Co. had offered the use of their ground at Sudbury. There would be a match between two sides named "The Desperate Eleven", composed of the cast of a play then running called *The Desperate Hours*, and an XI styled simply "Variety".

Summoned from Bath

Colonel Lloyd was advised to get a number of Stars to sell programmes at the match, and to publicise it loud-speaker vans, manned by top celebrities, roamed the streets for three nights in the Harrow and Sudbury areas. Colonel Lloyd persuaded just about 50 celebrities to come to the match to sell programmes—and privately wondered whether

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each Star would in fact have a customer of his or her own to buy a programme. He need not have worried!

On the Sunday morning of the match the Appeals Secretary was summoned from his bath to be informed over the telephone by the police that a vast queue of motor cars was trying to get into the ground. The A.A. kindly took over this problem: and instead of having one customer, each of the 50 Stars present had at least 100 customers!

After the match Colonel Lloyd wrote to inform every programme seller that he or she had been elected a member of the S.O.S.—and none declined.

A second cricket match, this time attracting 20,000 spectators, took place at Sudbury in 1956, but later the “clerk of the weather” became so ill-disposed that cricket matches were dropped.

But other functions went on to bigger and better successes. The first Stars’ Ball at Grosvenor House in the winter of 1955 was a great success—the *eighth Ball takes place on December 3 this year at the same hotel*. In the spring of 1956 at the Empress Hall, London, (now demolished) the first “Record Star Show” was held. This moved in its second year to the Albert Hall and in its third year (1958) back to the Empress Hall where a record was set up by the sale of 6,800 tickets more than eight months before the Show took place!

The “Record Star Show” has now developed into perhaps the most fabulous—using a word common to Show Business—of all Shows ever held anywhere. It is now held each year at the Empire Pool, Wembley, the largest covered arena in the country, seating a little over 7,000 people when a stage is built. Two shows take place, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Each is sold out months ahead, and, indeed, this year over £6,000 had to be returned to would-be seat purchasers.

In the late summer of 1956 Lady Carisbrooke died and was succeeded as President of the S.O.S. by the Countess of Westmorland.

No Payment Expected

After the establishment as annual events of the Ball and Star Show, various other events were held from time to time,

including one televised “Sunday Night at the London Palladium” and a “Saturday Spectacular”, each produced by the S.O.S. Then in 1960 the S.O.S. began, through the generous kindness of A.T.V., to put on a televised show each Christmas—the *next takes place on Sunday, December 30, 1962*.

It should here be stressed that in connection with all these Shows, no artiste ever receives, nor does any expect, any payment or fee of any kind. Many have given up days of leisure to rehearsal, and in order to rehearse for Christmas TV shows many have to alter arrangements so that they do professional rehearsing on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. All this is to help spastics . . .

Other events have included a “Starlight Dance” for teenagers held at the old Harringay Arena in 1957, another held at the Empire Pool in 1958—each attended by some 8,000 young people—and yet another held in 1962 which crowded out the Lyceum Dance Hall in London.

Besides raising money at all these events, the Stars Organisation pursued another course. In 1956 it decided it would like to do more than act as a mere fund-raising organisation. It would, in fact, like to buy, set up, manage and maintain some project of its own. The National Spastics Society agreed that the S.O.S. should devote its activities to setting up a seaside holiday hotel for spastic children and in the summer of 1959 Colwall Court at Bexhill was opened and has since given delight to hundreds of young spastics. Most of these children are left unaccompanied and looked after by expert staff so that for the first time in many years lots of parents enjoy their first quiet holiday alone.

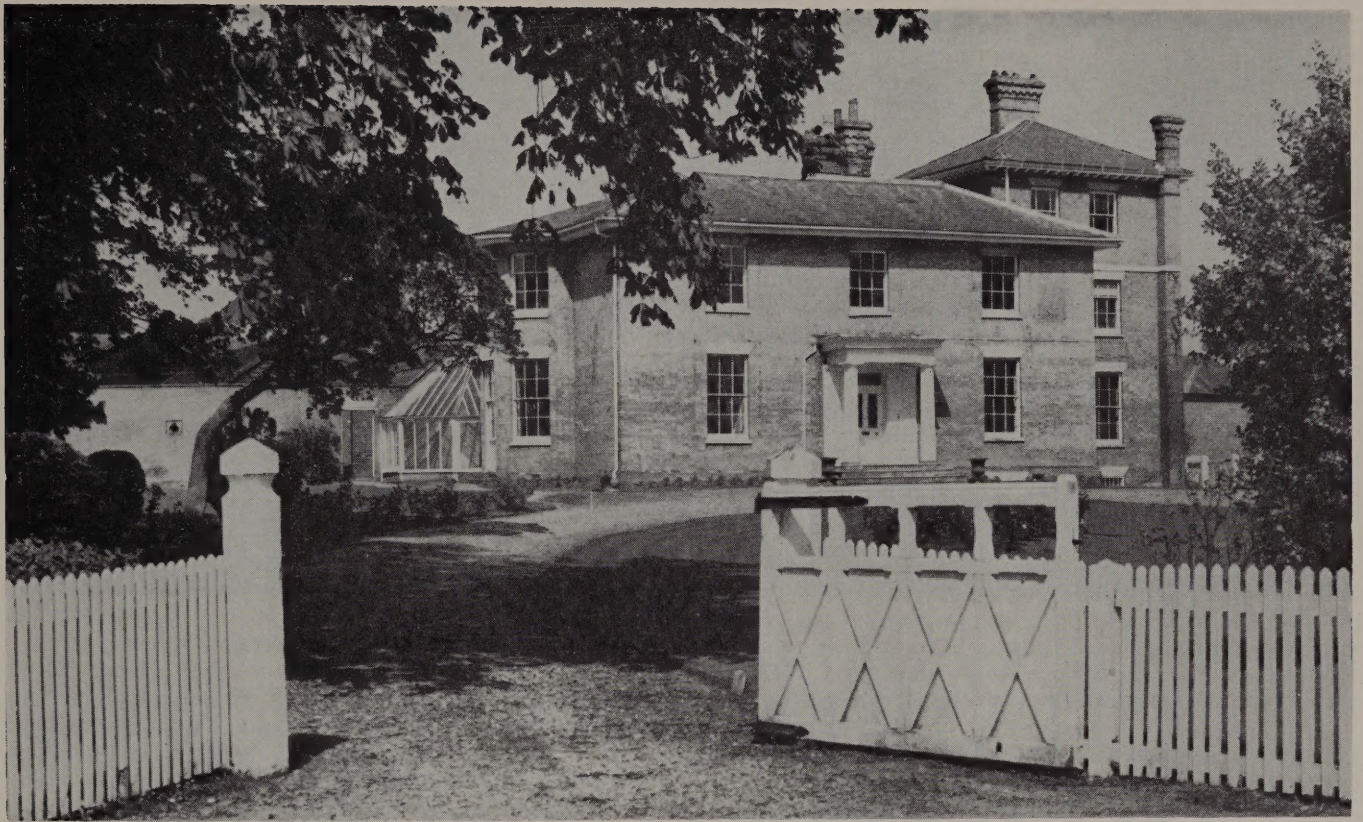
In 1961 the S.O.S. began to look for a second project to take the form, agreed by the N.S.S., of a permanent residential home for older spastics. A spot was found in Essex and Wakes Hall—which can be seen on these pages—was purchased. It is likely to be ready for occupation in about a year.

Members of the Stars Organisation for Spastics are helping spastics daily. They pay hundreds of “Celebrity Visits” to knock down beacons in pubs and inns all over the country and they willingly give their free time to be present at scores of fund-raising functions.

To them all we say “Thank You”.



The Stars’ Ball and the S.O.S. President, the Countess of Westmorland (left), and Vice-President, Mrs. W. Cecil Jeapes, are there to greet the guests



(Above) The entrance to Wakes Hall, near Colchester, Essex, a residential home for older spastics which is the S.O.S. second project

(Below) A garden scene at Colwall Court, showing the new extensions





CHAIRMAN SPEAKS ON AMALGAMATION AT A.G.M.

IN a record attendance, representing about two-thirds of all Groups in the country, members of the National Spastics Society met in the Council Chamber at Agriculture House, Knightsbridge, for the Society's 10th Annual General Meeting. After the showing of a new film, "*Right for the Job*", Miss Shirley Keene, the Society's lecturer, gave a short talk on "*The Employment Problem—as seen by a Spastic*" and Miss M. R. Morgan gave a talk on "*The Employment Problem—as seen by the Employment Officer*".

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting, held on May 26, 1962, were approved and adopted, and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Burn, presented the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended April 5, 1962. Messrs. Kemp Chatteris and Co. were re-appointed the Society's auditors.

Executive Committee Members

The following members were re-elected to membership of the Executive Committee:

Mr. W. A. Burn	Mr. A. P. Moira
Mr. J. F. G. Emms	Mr. H. E. Wolff

Mr. T. P. S. Baxter was elected to the Executive Committee and took his place among its members.

Chairman's Report

Commenting on the Chairman's report already circulated to members in the Annual Report of the Society, Mr. Bytheway (York), said that the huge sums expended by the Society

for medical research were now reflected in general medical policy and practice.

The Chairman described the various procedures which must take place before members were asked to approve the Memorandum and Articles of the new Society to be formed from the present National Spastics Society and with which the British Council for the Welfare of Spastics was to amalgamate. The draft Memorandum and Articles had received the necessary approval of the Board of Trade and had been approved by the Executive Committee of the N.S.S. When the Executive Committee of the British Council for the Welfare of Spastics had approved the draft, the Memorandum and Articles in their final form, after final approval by both Executive Committees, would go before the members of the Society for their approval. Late January or February was a likely date for the Extraordinary General Meeting at which acceptance of the new Articles would be asked: members would be given the longest possible notice of the meeting.

The Chairman described the main provisions of the new Articles, which were based largely on the present Memorandum and Articles of the National Spastics Society. He said any alterations to the Memorandum were minor, and enlarged or clarified the powers of the Society. There was little or no change in the provisions for General Meetings.

In the new Society, there would be a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, an Hon. Treasurer, but no Hon. Secretary. Each member of the Society would have one vote in General

Meeting, and the old provision whereby 75 members were represented by one nominee (with 75 votes on a poll), would lapse. The Executive Committee would be reduced from 18 to a maximum of 12, minimum of 10, and members would be asked to approve a rotation system of Executive Committee members whereby each would retire after six years' service and be ineligible for re-election for 12 months. An Hon. Officer would be exempt from this ruling provided there were 75 per cent of the votes of the Executive Committee in favour of his re-election.

The principle difference between the new Articles and the old was the provision, in the new Articles, for the setting-up of a Consultative Council, of 32 to 42 members, whose function was to advise the Executive Committee. Twelve of its members would be members of the Executive Committee and 20 would be elected by members in General Meeting. The Council would have power to co-opt another 10 members. The Executive Committee would necessarily remain solely responsible for decisions made. The Chairman explained that it was hoped to find, in the Consultative Council, a training ground and source of Executive Committee members, as well as a forum for discussion of the Society's problems and projects.

After the new Society was formed, the British Council for the Welfare of Spastics would amalgamate with it, and both the N.S.S. and the B.C.W.S. would cease to exist except as legal entities for the purpose of receiving legacies and bequests made to these organisations under their old names. The object of amalgamation, the Chairman reminded members, was to benefit spastics by causing their interests to be represented by a unified body, which could be approached by the various interested Government and other bodies in the knowledge that information exchanged would reach, and emanate from, the whole Society.

Mr. Shaughnessy (Manchester Group) complimented the Chairman on his report and very clear exposition of the main points of the new Articles. Mr. Aarons (North West London Group) asked what effect amalgamation would have on Groups and the Chairman said that the question of inviting members of the B.C.W.S. to join Groups or Regional Committees probably would not arise, as most members of the B.C.W.S. were Londoners and served chiefly as representatives of various interested organisations, such as the Ministry of Health. Former B.C.W.S. members would, of course, be very welcome in all parts of the Society.

Answering a question by Mr. Nicholls (Stamford Group), the Chairman said that policy decisions affecting decentralisation of work or responsibilities would not be affected by amalgamation: the Society was in any case cautiously moving towards some decentralisation, by sending out Regional case-workers to join the Regional Officers already in the field. Some field-workers engaged in Appeals activities might also be sent out in the near future.

The Chairman expressed to members, to the Executive Committee and to staff, his "more than formal" thanks for their efforts and co-operation during his past year of office, the 10th year of the Society's existence.

Film, "Right for the Job"

The Society's new film, "*Right for the Job*", intended for prospective employers and employment organisations, was shown to members, who saw young spastic people holding down jobs in industry after careful training and assessment by the N.S.S. The film followed the career of one young man, Tony Ellis, from the time he left the Thomas Delarue

School to his first job in the Hunting Percival Aircraft Co., of Luton, and showed how Tony Ellis gradually overcame many of the difficulties presented by his handicap. (Copies of this film should be available by mid-December.)

Employment Problems

After seeing the film, members heard short speeches by Miss Shirley Keene and Miss M. R. Morgan, the Society's Employment Officer. Both speakers emphasised the dangers of over-protecting a spastic child and described the troubles which such well-meaning but unnecessary help laid up for the child in the future.

Miss Morgan said that it was most important that boys and girls with cerebral palsy should share in the ups and downs of other youngsters, and that they should understand discipline and be made aware of the needs and problems of others if they were to become fully adult and integrated into society. A number of young spastics, although physically and intellectually employable, failed completely, and could not be sent into open employment—because they were egocentric, spoilt, demanding, indifferent to works' rules, given to temper tantrums. She had found that in the majority of cases where severely handicapped young people had been successful in their jobs, the reason lay in what they were, rather than what they did. They were popular, prepared to fit in, prepared to give that bit extra. They were aware of the needs of other people round them.

Miss Morgan said the work of the Employment Department was not restricted just to finding jobs for spastics in factories and offices. With many, this stage was never reached, and the Employment Department tried to provide alternatives for those who were not going to be able to manage normal work, so that they could live full and happy lives in sheltered workshops, work centres, or by working at home.

Careful assessment and vocational guidance were essential, and the Careers Advisory side of the Employment Department's work had become a very large and important one. During the past twelve months, N.S.S. Careers Officers had interviewed over 300 new school-leavers from all types of schools. In just over four years, nearly 500 young people would have been through the Society's 12-day Assessment Courses and the six-month Further Education Courses which were designed, not only to provide vocational assessment, but to help the young people to become adjusted and to give them training in social competence.

During these courses the Employment Department found out about the young people's physical and intellectual strengths and weaknesses, their school attainments, their interests and ambitions, their family circumstances and the area in which they lived. Mobility, dexterity, social and personal independence, social adjustment and awareness of others and emotional stability were all assessed. Some weaknesses could be improved by training or treatment, but there was usually a limit to the amount of physical improvement which could be effected, and a limit to intellectual response. Beyond this point, improvements in social adjustment were of the first importance, and could make all the difference to a young person's future, in employment or elsewhere. Very much could be done by parents and friends to help young spastics in this way.

Vote of Thanks

Mr. F. Thomas (Stockport, East Cheshire and High Peak Group), proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Executive Committee and staff of the N.S.S.

BLUNT WORDS FROM SHIRLEY!

"WE have just seen a film about spastics who work. Most of them were employed; some worked at home. When it ended we had the comfortable feeling, as at the end of a fairy story, 'and they all lived happily ever after.' Well, it's not that easy," said Miss Shirley Keene, N.S.S. lecturer, when she addressed delegates at the A.G.M.

"I wish it were. I'm certainly not belittling the value of employment, but I do feel that many of us spastics, and our families, see a job as a final glorious achievement and not as the beginning of another, possibly difficult, phase.

"For six years before I got this nice cushy job! with the Society I was an unskilled factory hand, starting work at eight in the morning. For three of those years I worked in a printers in London, examining cheques before they were despatched to banks. About once in every three weeks I found a mistake. It made my week. For the three years prior to that, I was employed in another printers in Australia, also a checking job, but there I had the excitement of tying books into bundles.

"I had got that job when I was 24—my first job. It probably doesn't sound a very posh job to you, but it meant a tremendous deal to me, and my parents were so thrilled that miraculously, I was employed, that they didn't care that I caught the workman's train, wore an overall, and mingled with people who weren't 'quite nice'. Some of them were a bit rough and, of course, no-one had a clue what a spastic was.

The Value of Work

"But for me, the important thing was that I was working; for I thought then what I think now with increased conviction, that *work is valuable, not just for the money it earns, but for its own sake*. It gives you a sense of perspective about yourself, and your relationship with the outside world—cutting you down to size or inflating you accordingly. It gives you too a sense and appreciation of time—a commodity which had little or no meaning before. Without work, you just kill time: it has no meaning, no value. Unless we work we have no leisure, and the days and weeks and years have a universal greyness.

"Work is valuable for the satisfaction and self-respect it brings, and for the feeling that, because of it, you are more nearly a complete person. I don't think it is just that it helps us handicapped people to feel more normal: it is a basic need in everybody—well, nearly everybody.

"Some handicapped people won't be able to get work, some will have jobs which they consider unsuitable, or their parents think are not good enough for them, but I think that we spastics should be damn grateful that anyone will take us on at all—even if someone will permit us to sweep roads, just to find the value of work itself and what it gives back in satisfaction.

"*The world does not owe us a living just because we are handicapped.*

"All right, there are snags. I am not inferring that having



a job solves all your problems, and the dangerous thing is that, before you have one, you think it will. You think that the triumphant struggle of achieving employment will automatically make you accepted into the world of normality, and it just isn't so. The handicaps which made finding a job so difficult will still be with us, to make our workmates avoid us from embarrassment, or lack of understanding, or overwhelm us with too much help. We will still be stuck with the fact that many people are incapable of treating the handicapped as adults.

"People behave to the handicapped in the maddest way. When I was on duty at the Do-it-Yourself Exhibition, one kind lady presented me with 6d. for an ice cream. Can you imagine Miss Garwood or Miss Morgan being treated like that? Does it help my cerebral palsy to be given things? Would you think of coming along to any of these gentlemen on the Executive Committee and saying, 'I'm so sorry you're bald: here's a bag of liquorice allsorts'. It doesn't help or comfort us to be given things, it just makes us feel even more set apart and different. And it's no use getting irritable; it is yet another of the less obvious trials of a handicap.

Practise that Smile

"But back to work. Although you are employed, you will still be slow, your speech difficult to understand, your hands and feet untrustworthy. You will still go on needing help for some things, and this is tricky. Although people don't mind helping you to begin with, they get fed up with it after a while—almost as fed up as we get with needing help. So we must learn to ask for help nicely, and always say 'thank you' with a charming smile—and if you haven't got a charming smile, you'd better practise in front of a mirror until you have, *because you are going to need it*.

"Most often there has been little or no training in a spastic's special schooling, or home life, to cope with this new environment. Unsought help has always been available, so that he or she simply doesn't know how to ask for, accept and give thanks for help. It has always been taken for granted—to the detriment of later struggles in the outside world.

"There was one young man for whom the Employment Department found a job doing assembly work. The management were pleased with him, but a month or so later they rang the Society with a problem on their hands. The lad's work was fine, but he didn't ever seem to eat any lunch. He had no sandwiches and he never went to the canteen. Mr. Hargreaves went down and had a private chat with him. It transpired that his landlady didn't or couldn't pack him a lunch, and he couldn't carry trays or cut up his meat in the canteen. Well, they sorted the problem out. The chef cut up his food, and somebody collected and carried it for him. You see, he simply didn't know how to go about getting the help he needed, and was too embarrassed to ask for it. If we are going out into the world *we must learn to be honest and unembarrassed about our needs.*

"There are lots of other gaps left by a protected youth—a casual attitude towards time-keeping and to table-manners, and to ordinary good manners. Mostly, it's not the spastic's fault but because allowances have always been made for the 'poor little thing', and *it is this misguided kindness, this over-protection, which will hamper his adult working and social life as much as his actual physical handicap.*

"Although I don't advocate teaching a child to swim by

chucking him into the deep end of the pool, he certainly won't learn if he is not allowed near the water. In many cases, a spastic has been cotton-wool wrapped, over-indulged, perpetually given sweets, toys, gifts, so that he can't ever discover the joy of giving himself—and then people find that spastics are undisciplined, immature, difficult to employ and fit into an adult world.

Saps Initiative

"I sometimes wonder about the definition of charity. In this materialist age it seems to consist of giving money or things, and thereby achieving a fine glow of satisfaction. It makes the giver feel wonderful, but what ultimately does it do to the receiver? Saps his initiative and turns him into a human sponge.

"I feel it might not be a bad thing to try and re-define charity towards the lightly handicapped, to ask the non-handicapped to take a long-term view of 'doing good' and unselfishly deny themselves the immediate pleasure of giving. To stay their hand and give instead, understanding, and more opportunity for the 'poor little thing' to achieve adulthood and, through it, the satisfaction that employment can bring.

"For despite all its snags, it's worth it."



After the A.G.M., Group delegates made a visit to Coombe Farm, where besides watching the residents carrying out various tasks in the workshop and showing their ability in the swimming-pool, they also saw the new vehicle which has been acquired by the Crewe and District Spastics Society and which travelled to Coombe Farm for exhibition. This vehicle, which is equipped with a hydraulic ramp to relieve manual lifting in and out, cost over £2,000—the N.S.S. gave a grant of £1,560 towards the cost. (In the picture members of the Crewe and District Spastics Society, including the Chairman, Alderman Frank Roberts, are seen taking delivery of the vehicle at their Centre in Richmond Road, Crewe.)



THE EDITOR SPENDS A "GHOSTLY" NIGHT IN WALES



MERLIN, in a flowing dark gown, his face fringed with whiskers, stepped from the bushes. In the faint light from turnip lanterns I saw his sinister grin. As I fled into the nearest doorway I met the leering smile of a cloaked witch as she stirred her hell's brew beside a roaring fire. Then a cheery "Hello" broke the fearful spell—and Mrs. C. M. Kearslake, headmistress of Craig-y-Parc School, stepped into the hall to greet me.

This was Hallowe'en barbecue night at the school and staff and pupils had worked for days to create the right "ghostly" atmosphere. They certainly succeeded, as vouched for by the reactions of the 300-odd guests who arrived later.

Full-size effigies of witches greeted the guests as they passed into the grounds. Dotted among the bushes, lanterns casting an eerie glow, were other more startling effigies.

The older children, some in fancy dress, took a full part in the evening's fun. Warmly wrapped in rugs the more

handicapped youngsters had a bird's eye view of all that was happening from their seats on the balconies. And there was plenty happening on the flood-lit lawn.

Starting with a tremendous fireworks display—contributions for which had been sent as usual by the children's parents and local well-wishers—there followed in quick succession dancing displays by the Folk Dancing Section of the Y.H.A. (Cardiff Branch), the Young Caledonians of Cardiff, and the girls of the Domestic Science Training College. Beside the barbecue log fires in the centuries-old summer house, music from the strings of the Civil Service Palm Court Orchestra kept everyone in a happy frame of mind as they gathered round the groaning tables for the appetising Hallowe'en feast.

As the ashes in the dying embers of the fires fell to rest, the sound of community singing marked an end to this, one of the finest functions ever to be held at the school. G.P.



There was Music . . .



. . . and Dancing . . .



. . . And lots to Eat . . .



. . . and Watchers in the Night

"THE S.O.S. RAISED £25,000"

—A.G.M. REPORT

THE Annual General Meeting of the Stars Organisation for Spastics is held in the autumn of each year, and this year it took place on the evening of Sunday, November 4, once again by the kind invitation of the Earl and Countess of Westmorland at their home at Ham Common. Approximately 100 were present and 50 written apologies came from others away on tour, many of them abroad. The chair was taken by the President of the S.O.S., the Countess of Westmorland.

In the course of the proceedings the reports of the Honorary Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Chairman of the two Project Management Committees, Colwall Court and Wakes Hall, were received with enthusiasm. Attention was drawn to the fact that the total money raised by the S.O.S. in the year ending April 6, 1962, amounted to £25,063.

The election of officers saw Mr. Brian Rix, Mr. Harry Secombe and Miss Diane Hart re-elected to their respective offices of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Honorary Treasurer.

An amendment was then made to the constitution changing the status of the Honorary Secretary (Colonel R. M. G. Lloyd) to that of Secretary. The President explained to the meeting that, as most members knew, it was the intention of the S.O.S. to increase the number of its functions and the amount of money raised, and this would need full time attention. The N.S.S. had very kindly agreed that in these circumstances Colonel Lloyd would be employed in that capacity. This change was agreed with acclamation.

At the conclusion of the meeting after the President had thanked the N.S.S. for their help and guidance, Mr. Alex Moira, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, paid tribute on behalf of the National Spastics Society to the generous help, all given in spare time, by the members of the S.O.S. to the cause of spastics, commencing with the great work done at Colwall Court for spastic children and now about to commence with the new project at Wakes Hall for older spastics.

Amongst those present at the meeting were:—

Frederick Bartman, Joyce Blair, W. A. Burn, Paul Carpenter, Alma Cogan, Rupert Davies, Derrick de Marney, Patricia Driscoll, Polly Elwes, Ronald Fraser, Leo Franklyn, Alan Freeman, Ron Goodwin, Elspet Gray, Diane Hart, Hy Hazell, Jack Howarth, Dick Hurran, Charmian Innes, David Jacobs, Hattie Jacques, Richard Johnson, Duncan Lamont, Vera Lynn, Kenneth MacLeod, Pamela Manson, Francis Matthews, Stella Moray, Glyn Owen, Muriel Pavlow, Wilfred and Mabel Pickles, Brian Rix, Ronald Shiner, Dr. C. P. Stevens, June Thorburn, Ann Todd, Dorothy Tutin, Edward Underdown, Stephanie Voss. Most were accompanied by husband or wife as the case might be.

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In our tribute to the members of the Stars Organisation for Spastics this month, it is interesting to note that they do not confine their activities to this country. Homes, centres and schools for spastics in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have had visits from Stars who have included Sir Donald and Lady Wolfit, Derek Farr and Muriel Pavlow, Roger Livesey and Ursula Jeans, Vanessa Lee and Hy Hazell.

Avril Angers has just returned from Australia and has forwarded the picture below which shows her at the "TV Comics Cycle Race" during the great Melbourne day for spastics ("Forget-Me-Not-Day") which included a football match and a sports meeting.

She writes: "We had 'Forget-Me-Not-Day' for Spastics on September 7 and I was one of the sellers. Local Stars here are now helping considerably and I have suggested to them that they should start an S.O.S., Australia. There were thousands at the 'Footy Match', as they call it here, in aid of spastics, and played between Channel 7 and Channel 9 of TV in Melbourne."



Spending for the Future

The National Spastics Society expects to spend, during the next seven years, at least £10 million on new centres and schools alone. During the same period more than £2 million will be spent on research of all kinds.

This was stated by Mr. J. A. Loring, N.S.S. Assistant Director (Services), when he spoke to over 50 social workers from all parts of the Midlands at a conference in Nottingham a few weeks ago.

"Very little of this money will come from rich benefactors," said Mr. Loring, "but rather in small sums from the man in the street, upon whom the Society has always been able to rely".

Mr. Loring added that people were sometimes inclined to think there were too many charities. To the outsider some charities appeared to be working in exactly the same field. But so far as child handicap was concerned co-operation between the relevant charities had never been better, and the prospect of drawing even closer, particularly in the medical and professional fields, was very good indeed.



Miss Ena Lloyd (above), formerly speech therapist at Craig-y-Parc School, resigned her duties when her forthcoming marriage to Mr. John Davies of Barry, Glamorgan, entailed her moving to the London area.

Now Mrs. Kearslake, headmistress at Craig-y-Parc, writes: "Miss Lloyd, whose services at Craig-y-Parc have proved to be so valuable, was anxious to continue in the service of the National Spastics Society and has been fortunate enough to have found a house near enough to Coombe Farm to allow her to take up duties there. Craig-y-Parc envies Coombe Farm their very good fortune"



Sherrards Training Centre showed samples of contract work carried out by the trainees for local industries when they took stand space at the E.I.A. Engineering Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall in October. The stand was attended by two instructors who outlined to interested companies the activities at the Centre which include press work, spot-welding, capstan, injection moulding, cable forming and woodwork

ITALIAN HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER

MOST of you will have had a holiday this year, but few will have had the variety which came to Stephen Hattie, the Essex spastic weaver whose achievement story was featured in our September issue.

Stephen went to Italy as a delegate to the International Camp run by the Federation Internationale pour l'Organisation de Rencontres des Handicapes at the village of Lazise. In company with handicapped men and women from Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France Switzerland, Austria and Italy, he was given an official reception by the Mayor of Milan (*and presented with the city medallion shown in the picture*), and taken on an escorted tour of the city, cruised on Lake Garda, visited Verona and a hotel in Malcesine built and designed specially for disabled children, picnicked in the beautiful countryside and toured Venice by motor launch on the canals.

Stephen also spoke on "Living and Working with Your Handicap" at a

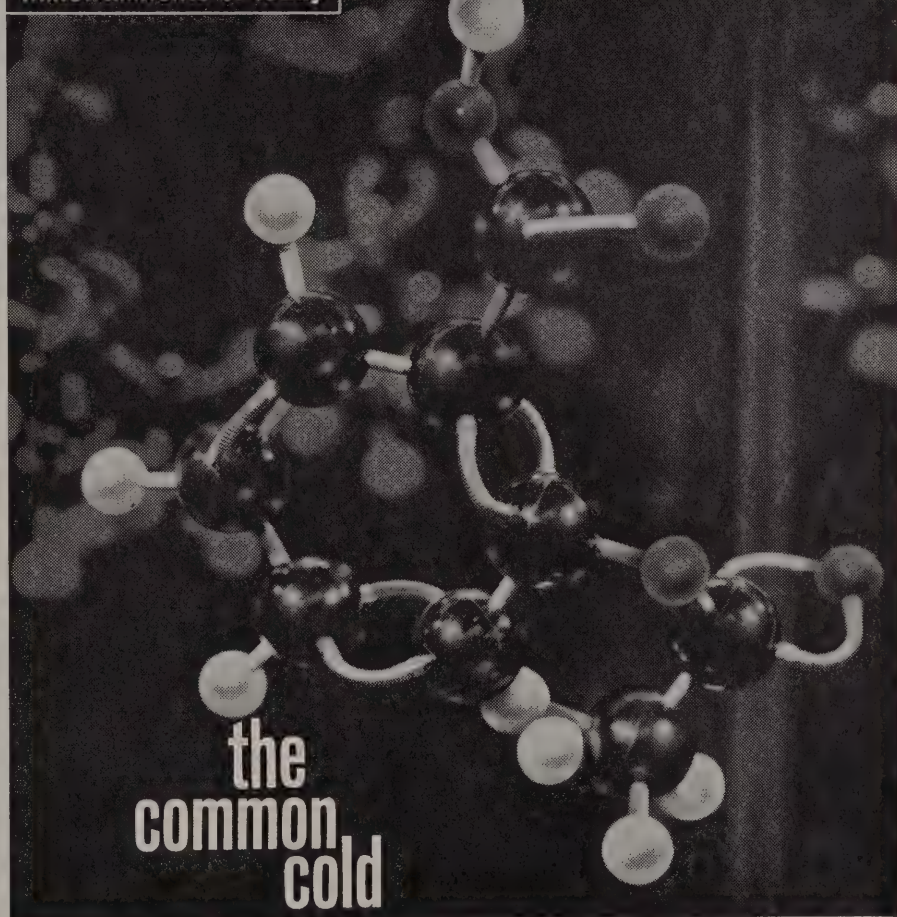
discussion session where each representative presented a paper.

He says: "It was a wonderful experience to mix with handicapped people from other countries and to exchange ideas. From the little I saw and heard, I feel that we who are handicapped in this country have much to be grateful for."

Mr. Hattie wishes to thank the Federation of St. Raphael Clubs Executive for bringing the existence of the international federation to his notice, and also to thank the Colchester and District Group and the National Spastics Society who both gave donations to allow him to make the trip to Italy.




minor ailments of today



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OBITUARY

We regret to announce the following deaths:

Dr. ELEANOR SCHONELL, who worked for many years in Australia and all over the world helping spastic children. Her book, "Educating Spastic Children" is still used very extensively throughout the world, and she also made a useful contribution to Professor Ronald Illingworth's book, "Recent Developments in Cerebral Palsy." She was the wife of Sir Fred J. Schonell.

MRS. DORIS A. HUNTINGTON, S.R.N., S.C.N., S.R.C.N., who was a member of the N.S.S. Executive Committee from September, 1956, until her resignation in January, 1961. She also served on the Projects, Central and Employment Sub-Committees. Mrs. Huntington had close links with both the Norfolk and Norwich Spastic Association and the Ipswich and East Suffolk Branch.

'62 CLUB GOES NORTH

An exclusively spastics club, to be known as the Nottingham '62 Club, came into being in October. It is the first of its kind in the provinces and will provide its members with social activities and hobbies. The President of the '62 Club formed in London in January, Mr. W. Hargreaves, attended the opening.

Dr. R. J. Thurman, Lecturer in Geology at Nottingham University, was appointed Chairman, Sheila Lead, of Gedling, Secretary, and Mr. A. Newbold, of Tollerton, Treasurer of the Nottingham Club.

At the club meetings, which will be in the City Occupational Centre in Mansfield-road about once a month, members will organise stamp collecting and musical evenings and talks. They hope to have a club badge later. There are initially about 25 members.

To start the club on its way the Nottingham and District Friends of Spastics Group have donated £25 to its funds.



ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY

Dear Editor,

Last night (October 24th) we held our Annual General Meeting. This was, however, no ordinary occasion, for it was the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Sheffield and District Spastics Society. Also on this occasion our Secretary, Mr. W. Daniels, who was among the founder members, unfortunately found it necessary to resign his position owing to pressure of domestic problems.

The Society wishes to express appreciation for all the work he has carried out over the difficult first ten years of its being.

(MRS.) E. I. BAGSHAW,
Hon. Secretary,
Sheffield & District Spastics Society.

WELCOME!

The Bath and District Spastics Society was formed on October 24, 1962, at a public meeting in Bath attended by some 140 persons and chaired by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs. G. Maw, M.A., J.P. Its application for affiliation was accepted on October 28.

The Officers of this new Group are:

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Bradford and Melksham Rural District. Bradford Urban District. Melksham Urban District. Trowbridge Urban District.

Gloucestershire—

Wick and Abson. Doynton. Cold Ashton. Marshfield.

The generosity of the Bristol Spastics Association must not go unsung. Its Chairman presented Mr. Belson with a cheque for £100 at the Inaugural Meeting to help the Bath Group get under way (do other incipient Groups find this news cheering?).

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News

in brief

Eastbourne:

An Eastbourne sub-group to the East Sussex group of the National Spastics Society has been formed by volunteers and parents of spastic children.

This follows a meeting in October at Eastbourne Winter Gardens when ten volunteers and three parents of spastic children agreed to meet and form a sub-group.

The Eastbourne sub-group secretary, Mr. William Collingham, said that in the initial stages the group will want funds, and a start has already been made by a collection among committee members.

"Many more members are wanted and those interested, together with parents of spastics, are asked to contact the treasurer, Mr. Rex Leslie, Flat 2, 55 Gilredge Road, Eastbourne (phone number Eastbourne 7902), or myself, at Eastbourne Police Station," said Mr. Collingham.

Officers elected to the committee were Mr. R. Pinker (chairman), Mr. Ken Fowler (vice-chairman), Mr. Rex Leslie (hon. treasurer) and Mr. W. Collingham (hon. secretary).

(Edited from Evening Argus, Brighton)

Bridgwater:

Former Highbridge Councillor, Mr. C. C. Willis, of 47 Ashtree Road, Berrow, had a "surprise packet" in his post—an envelope containing ten £1 notes with, attached to them, the request "For Spastics Fund". Mr. Willis has forwarded the money to Bridgwater and District Friends of Spastics Association. The kind sender of the gift is unknown.

(Edited from the Bridgwater Mercury)

Lincoln:

Prospective Liberal candidate for Park Ward, Lincolnshire, 39-years-old Mr. J. S. Fox, is chairman of the Lincoln branch of the National Spastics Society.

(Edited from Lincolnshire Echo)

Central Middlesex:

"Maigret" and "Compact" television personalities attended the annual bazaar held on October 27, in aid of the Central Middlesex Spastics Welfare Society.

Highlights of the day included a baby

show and the presentation of a Vespa scooter to the lucky winner.

(Edited from Hendon and Finchley Times)

Aldershot:

It is always gratifying to hear of the new ideas which people adopt to collect money for spastics. We have illustrated a few from time to time in this column. The latest comes from Aldershot where licensee Mr. P. Nolan and his wife, of the "Standard of England", are already known to us for the way pennies collect round the Beacon on the inn counter.

Now this charity-minded couple have extended the scheme to their garden. Mr. and Mrs. Nolan are allowing people into the garden with their own carrier bags to pick apples from the heavily-laden trees—as long as they place 2s. in the

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(Edited from Macclesfield Express)

Harwich:

More than £200 has been collected for spastics by generous customers of the Duke of Edinburgh Inn, Harwich.

(Edited from Evening Standard)

Ilford, Romford and District:

Six typewriters and a violin were sent to Mrs. Cecily McCaul, secretary of Ilford, Romford and District Spastics Association, by people who had heard of typewriter classes being started for spastics. "The typewriters are in excellent condition", said Mrs. McCaul. Thanks to the generosity of these donors the classes can now be expanded. "The gentleman who gave the violin did not have a typewriter so he sent that. We shall find a use for it," she added.

(Edited from the Ilford Recorder)

Portsmouth:

The many different ways money is raised to aid Portsmouth and District Spastics Society were illustrated at a coffee party at the Guildhall recently. The Lady Mayoress (Mrs. E. O. Bateson) received a cheque for £200 from Mr. R. T. Frost, who had collected the money, mostly in pennies

and halfpennies from the "wishing well" at the Model Village, Southsea.

Members of the Society also heard of a contribution of £2 4s. 0d. raised by 11-year-old Christine Gill and her friend April. In the past two years they have held three small sales at Christine's home, the proceeds of which have all gone to spastics. Items for sale have included jumble, toys, and home-made cakes and buns.

(Edited from Evening News, Portsmouth)

Peterborough:

Two special chairs for severely handicapped children have been presented to the Junior Training Centre, Dogsthorpe, by the Peterborough and District Spastics Group.

(Edited from Peterborough Citizen and Advertiser)

South East London:

A cheque for £246 1s. 0d. was presented to "Mr. Pastry" (Mr. Richard Hearne) at a charity dance at Woolwich Town Hall recently. The dance was sponsored by the South-East London County of the Baden-Powell Scout Guild. The money is for "Mr. Pastry's" Swimming Pool Fund for Spastics.

(Edited from Eltham and Kentish Times)

Dorset:

Trefoil Guilds in Poole, Parkstone and Upton have done good work helping, among others, handicapped Guides and assisting with holidays for disabled people. These young people are to be congratulated on what they have achieved.

(Edited from Poole and Dorset Herald)



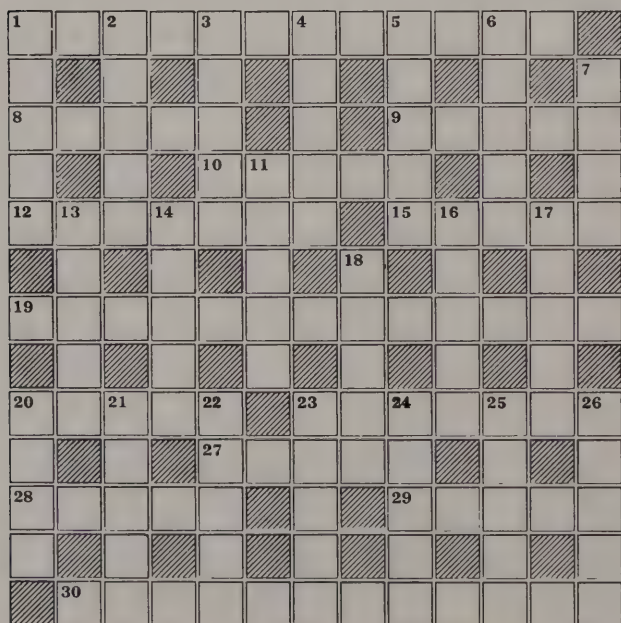
Three teams of Formation Dancers from the Bob Dale School of Dancing—the youngest members being a boy and girl of 6 and 7 respectively—entertained at a dance in aid of funds, held by Manchester and District Spastics Society at Belle Vue. Members of the older group are seen in the above picture

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1. Originally they sang '— 30 ac. and mercy mild—' 6, 6.
8. Haughty palindromic lady. 5.

9. Thieves' slang. 5.
10. The stuff of a leaky bucket! 5.
12. I leave Tangiers for an odd destination. 7.
15. "To range her little gifts, and give, and give, Because the . . . of giving's sweet to bear." 5.
19. Most celebrated look-out of the season. 4, 9.
20. A Saint one cannot deny for the most part. 5.
23. Condition no usurer could possibly suffer? 7.
27. Only writers manage it without onions! 5.
28. Choice words from the crackers. 5.
29. Beginning and end of any book. 5.
30. See 1 ac. 5, 2, 5.

DOWN

1. Vegetable mould. 5.
2. Tacked on to a horse of course! 5.
3. Fruity, meaningless reply. 5.
4. Rousing advice to Christians. 5.
5. Jack's victim. 5.
6. Beer in regal quantity. 5.
7. Obviously the pipesrels are asleep. 4.
11. Saint whose fountain 19 knew. 5.
13. Irritatingly apt. 5.
14. "Darest thou, Cassius, now Leap in with me into this . . . flood," Julius Caesar. 5.
16. Comparatively brake on progress proverbially speaking. 5.
17. Go to a part of N.Z. 5.
18. Exclusive story of a portion of Stilton maybe. 5.
20. No honour to her sex in pantomime! 4.
21. Inert as a chemical. 5.
22. One of the strong, silent kind. 5.
23. The house-hunting game! 5.
24. In short, the scout movement. 5.
25. Verdi below the surface? 5.
26. The third gift originally. 5.

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 Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District Friends
 of Spastics Society
 Ipswich and East Suffolk Spastics Soc. **T**
 Leicester and Leicestershire Spastics
 Society **TE**
 Lincoln Branch
 Mansfield and District Friends of Spastics
 Group **O**
 Newark and District Friends of Spastics
 Group
 Norfolk and Norwich Spastic Assoc. **T**
 Northampton and County Spastics Society
TE
 Nottingham and District Friends of
 Spastics Group **TEC**
 Peterborough and District Spastics Group
O
 Scunthorpe and District Spastic Society **C**
 Stamford and District Branch of NSS
 (Regional Officer: H. G. Knight, 28
 Priestgate, Peterborough, Northants.
 Tel: 67045)

Midland Region

Cannock Chase Spastic Association
 Coventry and District Spastics Society **R**
 Dudley and District Spastic Group **O**
 North Staffordshire Spastic Association **T**
 Shrewsbury and District Spastics Group
 Stafford and District Spastic Association
 Worcester and District Branch of NSS
 (Officer to be appointed)

North-Eastern Region

Barnsley and District Association of the
 NSS **C**
 Bradford and District Branch of the NSS
 Castleford and District Spastics
 Committee
 Darlington and District Spastics Society **H**
 Dewsbury and District Spastics Society
 Goole and District Spastics Association
 Halifax and District Spastic Group **W**
 Huddersfield and District Spastics Soc.
 Hull Group, The Friends of Spastics
 Society in Hull and District **H**
 Leeds and District Spastics Society
 Pontefract and District Spastics
 Association
 Rawmarsh and Parkgate Spastics Society
 Sheffield and District Spastics Soc. **TEO**
 South Shields and District Spastics
 Society
 Sunderland and District Spastics Society
 Tees-side Parents and Friends of Spastics
TE
 York and District Spastics Group **T**
 (Reg. Off. R. J. F. Whyte, Royal
 Chambers, Station Parade, Harrogate.
 Tel: 69655)

North Western Region

Barrow-in-Furness and District Spastic
 and Handicapped Children's Society **C**
 Birkenhead Spastic Children's Soc. **TEC**
 Blackburn and District Spastics Group
 Blackpool and Fylde Spastic Group **CW**
 Bolton and District Group of the NSS
TE
 Burnley Area and Rossendale Spastics
 Group
 Chester and District Spastics Assoc.
 Crewe and District Spastics Society **TO**

Crosby and District Spastics Society
 Cumberland, Westmorland and Furness
 Spastics Society
 Lancaster, Morecambe and District
 Spastics Society
 Manchester and District Spastics Soc. **TE**
 Oldham & District Spastics Society **T**
 Preston and District Spastic Group **T**
 Sale, Altrincham and District Spastics
 Society **RTEC**
 Southport, Formby and District Spastics
 Society
 Stockport, East Cheshire and High Peak
 Spastics Society **TEO**
 Urmston and District Group of the NSS
TC
 Warrington Group for the Welfare of
 Spastics
 Widnes Spastics Fellowship Group
 (Reg. Off: T. H. Keighley, 20 Brazen-
 nose Street, Manchester.
 Tel: Blackfriars 6130)

Northern Home Counties Region

Bedford and District **TOWE**
 Bishop's Stortford and District Group,
 Herts Spastics Society
 Central Middlesex Spastics Welfare
 Society **W**
 Clacton and District Group
 Colchester and District Group
 East Herts Group, Herts Spastics Society
 East London Spastic Society **H**
 Epping Forest and District Branch of
 NSS **TO**
 Essex Group of the NSS
 Harlow and District Branch
 Hatfield and District Group, Herts
 Spastics Society
 Hemel Hempstead and District Group,
 Herts Spastics Society
 Hitchin and District Friends of Spastics
 Herts Spastics Society
 Ilford, Romford and District Spastics
 Association **O**
 Luton, Dunstable and District Spastics
 Group **T**
 Maidenhead Friends of Spastics Group
 North London Area Association of Parents
 and Friends of Spastics **T**
 North-West London Group of the NSS **O**
 Oxfordshire Spastics Welfare Society
 of the NSS **TE**
 Reading and District Spastics Welfare
 Society **TE**
 Slough and District Spastics Welfare
 Society
 Southend-on-Sea and District Spastics
 Society **TEO**
 South-West Middlesex Group of the NSS
T
 St. Albans and District Group, Herts
 Spastics Society **T**
 Walthamstow and District Spastics Society
 Watford and District Group, Herts
 Spastics Society
 Welwyn Garden City and District Group,
 Herts Spastics Society

Wycombe and District Spastics Society **T**
 (Reg. Off: R. C. Lemarie, 524 St.
 Alban's Road, North Watford. Tel:
 41565)

South-Eastern Region

Bournemouth, Poole and District Spastics
 Society **TE**
 Brighton, Hove and District Branch **TOC**
 Central Surrey Group **W**
 Croydon and District Branch **TEW**
 East Sussex Group **T**
 Folkestone and District Branch of NSS **H**
 Isle of Wight Group **TE**
 Maidstone Area Spastic Group **OT**
 Medway Towns Branch of NSS
 North Hants and West Surrey Group **TE**
 North Surrey Group **W**
 North-West Kent Spastics Group **W**
 North-West Surrey Group **TE**
 Portsmouth and District Spastics Society
TEW

Southampton and District Spastics
 Association **TOW**
 South-East London Group **T**
 South-East Surrey Spastics Group
 (Redhill) **TO**
 South London Group
 South-West London and District Group
 South-West Surrey Group **TE**
 Thanet Group
 Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Area
 Group
 West Kent Spastics Society Incorporat-
 ing Bromley and District Spastics Group
 (Reg. Off: H. J. I. Cunningham, 55
 London Road, Horsham, Sussex.
 Tel: 60100)
 (Hampshire Town & Village Organ-
 iser: Capt. C. S. B. Swinley, D.S.O.,
 D.S.C., R.N., 32 St. Cross Road,
 Winchester. Tel: 61221)

Welsh Region (including Mon.)

Cardiff and District Spastics Assoc. **TC**
 Colwyn Bay and District Spastics Society
 Conway and District Branch of NSS
 Flint Borough Spastics Association
 Kenfig Hill and District Spastics Soc. **C**
 Merthyr Tydfil and District Spastics Soc.
 Montgomeryshire Spastics Society
 Pontypridd and District Group
 Swansea and District Spastics Association
TCW
 (Reg. Off: B. Kingsley-Davies, 2
 Saunders Road, Cardiff)

Western Region

Bridgwater and District Friends of
 Spastics Association **T**
 Bristol Spastics Association **CTOW**
 Cheltenham Spastic Aid Association **ET**
 Exeter and Torbay Spastics Society
 Plymouth Spastic (CP) Assoc. **COETW**
 Swindon and District Spastic Society
 Yeovil and District Spastics Welfare
 Society
 (Reg. Off: Mrs. A. Mansel-Dyer, St.
 John House, Park Street, Taunton,
 Somerset. Tel: 81678)
 Jersey Branch of the NSS, Channel
 Islands

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Local Projects Secretary:

(D. Lancaster-Gaye, 12 Park Cresc.,
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E—Education
O—Occupational Centre
W—Work Centre
H—Holiday Home
C—Child Care
R—Residential Centre

